

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended) A method of treating and/or preventing a cardiovascular disease characterized by platelet activating factor activity and/or superoxide generation in a human in need of such treating and/or preventing which is not suffering from an allergic and/or inflammatory condition of the skin or upper airway passages which comprises administering to such a said human an effective amount of desloratadine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to reduce the risk or prevent the occurrence of said cardiovascular disease.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the antihistamine is desloratadine and the effective amount of desloratadine is in the range of about 2.5 mg/day to about 45 mg/day.

Claim 13 (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the antihistamine is desloratadine and the effective amount of desloratadine is about 5 mg/day to about 15 mg/day.

Claim 14 (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the antihistamine is desloratadine and the effective amount of desloratadine is about 5 mg/day to about 10 mg/day.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the antihistamine is desloratadine and the effective amount of desloratadine is about 5 mg/day.

Claims 16-51 (canceled)

Claim 52 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is atherosclerosis.

Claim 53 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is ischemic heart disease.

Claim 54 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is cerebrovascular disease.

Claim 55 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is coronary artery disease.

Claim 56 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is angina pectoris.

Claim 57 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is myocardial infarction.

Claim 58 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is stroke.

Claim 59 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is vascular heart disease.

Claim 60 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is peripheral vascular disorder.

Claim 61 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is peripheral arterial disease.

Claim 62 (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the cardiovascular disease is occlusive arterial disease.